**H&F CCG Health & Wellbeing Small Grants Programme**

The H&F CCG Health and Wellbeing Grants programme managed by Sobus commenced in April 2016. £100k was made available by the H&F CCG and Sobus managed the application process including the promotion of the initiative. The programme was hugely oversubscribed, with over 40 applications totalling £460k plus. The grants panel consisted of CCG staff & Board members plus a voluntary sector representative from outside the borough. Grants awarded range from £3k to £14k per project.

Ten organisations from the community and voluntary sector are currently delivering a range of projects to meet the diverse needs of residents of Hammersmith & Fulham.

The ten projects and work they are doing is listed below

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| Carers Network | Carer Support - mindfulness sessions |
| Catalyst in Communities | Street homeless |
| Foundations UK | Reducing social isolation, encouraging self care - White City |
| H&F Mencap | Fitness and Healthy living for people with learning disabilities |
| H&F Mind | Mental Health wellbeing for school age children |
| Midaye | Health Advocacy for people with Long Term Conditions |
| People Arise Now  | Offender Women family health & wellbeing |
| Somali Men Welfare Association | Somali Men's Health |
| The Wilde Foundation | BME Women's health & wellbeing |
| Youth Projects International | Accessing Health care for Young African people from LGBT community |

These are all new projects which have been enabled by the CCG grants programme. There has been really positive feedback from users of these services as well as the CCG, whose members have visited many of these projects to see first hand what the contribution of the voluntary sector is to the health and wellbeing of local people.

**Future of the Programme**

Sobus has been championing the role that the voluntary and community sector plays in terms of the prevention and early intervention agenda for health services and how the VCS can play an increasing role, if these types of initiatives are resourced.

The current CCG programme comes to an end in March 2017 and we are waiting for confirmation if the programme will run again however, the programme has been very well received by the CCG. There is growing evidence that investing in the VCS will not only bring long term gains for the health and wellbeing of local communities but also to deliver the NHS 5 Year Forward View and reduce costs for the CCG in reducing hospital admissions through more effective preventative work.

Sobus will alert the sector as soon as a decision is made and any news will put on our website as well as the next funding bulletin. To get all the latest information please check the news section of our [website](http://sobus.org.uk/together/news/) and follow us on twitter @Sobus\_H\_F

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